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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on June 7, 2004.
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
 - Other ____.
- Enclosed
 - Amendment/Reply
 - Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - Other ____

2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- Other ____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated April 2, 2004 by three month(s) for a fee of \$980 so that the period for response is extended to October 2, 2004 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321.
- The enclosed credit card payment form to charge the amount of \$1770 to cover the RCE fee and other applicable fees.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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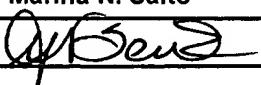
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